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The General Pulaski Stamp

By Ralph A. Kimble



UNITED STATES Commemorative Stamps have been issued to celebrate many things. In the Von Steuben stamp we marked the two-hundredth anniversary of a great man's birth. In the Braddock stamp we commemorate a battle. In the Charleston and Massachusetts Bay Colony stamps we bring to mind the founding of two great colonies. Friday, January 16, 1931, saw the first appearance of a stamp commemorating a friendship between two great nations, a friendship which started one hundred and fifty-four years ago when there came to this country a man whose brilliant, meteoric life and heroic death will forever live in the hearts of all true Americans. I refer of course to the Pulaski stamp.

This is officially known as the General Pulaski Commemorative stamp, and was first placed on sale Friday, January 16, 1931, at the following cities: Chicago, New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Toledo, Milwaukee, South Bend (Indiana), Gary (Indiana), Detroit and Savannah (Georgia). Forty million of these stamps were ordered print-printed as an initial supply. Whether any more are later ordered remains to be seen. Probably there were four plates used in printing this supply. The numbers of these plates will be announced as soon as I have definite information. It is a two-cent stamp, red in color, and in size and shape the same as our ordinary two-cent postage stamp. It was printed on the flat-bed press from engraved plates in sheets of four-hundred, which were divided into the standard panes of one hundred stamps each before being issued to postmasters. No imperforates or coils have been ordered.

The design is rather conventional in treatment, similar to many of our recent commemoratives except for the dates, inscription and central design. I will not attempt a detailed description. It is sufficient to give a few of the more important features of the stamp. The central picture is a likeness of General Pulaski adapted from an old etching by H. B. Hall which appears in Jones' History of Georgia, showing Pulaski as he appeared during his brilliant career with Washington during our War for Independence. The publishers of Linn's Weekly feel fortunate in presenting in this issue, a reproduction of this original etching from which the likeness for the stamp has been copied. At the left and right sides of the stamp are the dates 1748 and 1779 representing the birth and death of Pulaski. The flags of Poland and the United States are shown on the right and left sides respectively.



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This stamp is rather remarkable in several ways. In the first place it commemorates a great man not so much for any specific deed, but as personifying the friendship between Poland and the United States which has its origin in his heroic and tragic life. In the second place it was placed on sale simultan-

eously in twelve different cities. In the third place, these cities were selected not for any particular connection with his life, but as great centers of Polish-American population, where the interest in the stamp would naturally be the greatest. Savannah, Georgia, is the one exception, for it was there, while fighting for American liberty, that he was killed in 1779.

I have said that this stamp commemorates Pulaski as personifying the friendship between Poland and the United States. Why? If you will read on I will tell you the story of a life that for brilliance, courage, daring and sacrifice has never been excelled; the story of a hero if ever there was one; the story of one who placed right above might, who championed not one losing cause but two; the story of one who gave his life in a far land, fighting against insuperable odds for a forlorn hope; the story of one who, in his two short years in this country achieved an undying fame, and whose memory gleams with a lustre that grows brighter with the passing centuries.

Casimir Pulaski, or Kazimierz Pulawski as the name was originally known, was born March 4, 1748, in Podolia, in Lithuania, then part of Poland. And it was a troublesome time and place, for Poland was on the eve of her great struggle for existence against the evil machinations of the three great powers; Russia, Austria and Prussia. His father, Count Joseph Pulaski, was a nobleman of high rank and a gentleman of great attainments and high standing, holding for years the position of chief magistrate of the district. In 1768, when Casimir was barely twenty, the political situation of Poland had become desperate, as it was all too evident that the intention of Russia and her allies was the dismemberment of the smaller nation within their coils. Casimir's father then came to the fore as the real leader of the Polish nationalists, displaying a genius for leadership little suspected in the quiet magistrate. He led in the formation of the Confederation of Barr, a nation-wide organization of zealous patriots eager to sacrifice their all if necessary to preserve the liberty of their country. Count Pulaski's fervent patriotism found a ready response in his three young sons, of which Casimir was the second, and they entered the conflict which was to bring death to all but one, and exile to him.

I wish that time permitted the story of this conflict, for no more epic or gallant struggle has ever been recorded, nor any more hopeless one. In the course of the following two years Count Pulaski and two of his sons died in the defense of their country. Casimir, the little more than a boy, rose to supreme command of the Polish patriots, and his every action bespoke the born leader of men. Keenly intelligent, indomitably brave, daring but not reckless, beloved by his men he was the sword of flame that kept their merciless enemies at bay against overwhelming odds. But in the end those odds became too great for human resistance. The enemy hordes came in ever-increasing numbers and by sheer weight overcame all resistance, struck down every brave hand that dared to hold a sword in defense. The end came in 1771, further struggle was useless. Poland was no more, and Casimir Pulaski, a price on his head, his family dead, his lands confiscated, escaped to Turkey. To hide? Far from it! Even there he wrought with superhuman effort to enlist aid for his country which was beyond all aid, and failed only because the apathetic Turks cared little what happened to Poland.

We know but little of the next five years in Pulaski's life. History does not touch upon it, but in 1776 he appeared in France, shortly after our own Declaration of Independence gave notice to the world of another new nation struggling for existence. It is easy to understand how Pulaski, who had spent his life since boyhood fighting for his own country's liberty, only to see it go down in defeat, should turn his sympathies toward another young

nation fighting for freedom. Our cause appealed to him as had his own, and on meeting Benjamin Franklin in Paris he absorbed from that great statesman the epic story of our struggle and was fired with determination to throw his aid into our cause. Knowing his fame and genius as did all Europe, Franklin sent him over here with letters of the highest recommendation to George Washington. He landed in Philadelphia in the summer of 1777, joining Washington's army as a volunteer.

And now comes one of the strangest and most tragic cases of history repeating itself. Pulaski during his long conflict in Poland had fought a losing battle at every turn, had been defeated times without number, in spite of his heroic defense. After joining our army, during his two years here every major action in which he took part culminated in defeat for our arms. No man ever fought a better fight, no man ever did more to avert disaster, and yet no man ever met defeat so often! His was a fated life. Never was the slightest blame placed upon him, for it was usually his efforts that averted a worse disaster, and yet it was fated that our arms should be at their lowest ebb during his brief life here, and that every battle should be a defeat.

Pulaski joined our army as a volunteer officer. The first engagement in which he took part was the ill-fated Battle of the Brandywine on September 11, 1777. There Washington's troops, only thirteen hundred of them, were routed by the British and Germans eighteen thousand strong, under Lord Howe. Pulaski showed such conspicuous gallantry and leadership, and his sagacity went so far toward saving our troops from utter annihilation that Congress rewarded him four days later with the rank of a Brigadier General. At the same time he was given command of all the cavalry which our army possessed, which was but little, and poorly trained.

On October 4, 1777, Washington's army, with Pulaski leading the cavalry troops, made an attack on the strong British encampment at Germantown (now part of Philadelphia). The odds were hopeless, and our troops were beaten back with a loss of a thousand men, as against the British loss of six hundred. Again Pulaski went far towards redeeming the defeat, almost bringing victory to our side, but again the battle was lost.

That winter he spent training his cavalry near Trenton, New Jersey, but he was not satisfied with that branch of the service, and in the spring asked Congress for permission to raise a mixed command of light horse and foot troops. This was granted, and Pulaski's Legion came into existence. A year of desultory action followed, with minor engagements which can not be recorded here. Early the following year of 1779 General Pulaski was ordered to take his legion south to join the command of General Benjamin Lincoln. His next action was at the siege of Charleston, where his personal exhortation held off the surrender of that city after the council had voted to give in. His action here may be termed the one victory for his arms, and that was but a partial one.

From Charleston he went to Savannah, Georgia, where the American troops united with the French under Count d'Estaing to make a concerted attack on that city which was heavily fortified and held by the British. On October 9th, 1779, the big attack was launched, and Pulaski, leading his cavalry in a furious charge, fell, mortally wounded. He was taken on board the American brig "Wasp" and in spite of the efforts of surgeons, died on October 11th, and was buried at sea. Congress voted a monument to his memory, but it was never built. It was the people of Georgia who finally erected one in Savannah.

Do you understand now why Pulaski symbolizes the friendship between Poland and the United States? Was there ever man who gave more to both nations? To Poland in her dying struggle, he

gave his family, his wealth, his courage and his matchless leadership. To her he offered his life not once nor twice, but a hundred times, and that it was not sacrificed was due to no unwillingness of his, but to the fate which saved him for a higher sacrifice. To America he gave his life! Willingly and gladly did he lay that last great gift on the altar of Liberty, Freedom and human Justice. Ah, the impotence of words! What can we say that can ever make or mar the glory of one whose deeds

are written in letters of ineffable light; whose brief span of life blazed a pathway of living fire to light the way for nations yet unborn; whose death placed upon his brow the crown of heroic martyrdom. To write Pulaski's epitaph no feeble words of ours can serve. We can but go back thru the centuries two thousand years and take the matchless words from humanity's first great Champion: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

The World in Review

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Timely, authentic and complete information on new issues, unlisted varieties, projected philatelic events, etc., is the aim of this department. We will deeply appreciate all contributions of this nature from our readers, and full credit will be given in each case. All contributions should if possible be accompanied by specimens of the stamps concerned, which will be returned promptly.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

Stamp Imports, Inc., of Chicago, have shown us five additional values in the Revolutionary Commemorative series which we illustrated Jan. 10th. The 10c value is of the small format, same design as the 1½c. The other four values of large size, same design as the 2c:

10c bluish slate
24c rose brown
25c light green
30c bright violet
50c slate gray

We also learn from the Philatelic Magazine that the entire series has been issued in the following numbers:

½c—6,000,000	25c—200,000
1c—400,000	30c—100,000
2c—20,000,000	50c—100,000
3c—200,000	1p—500,000
4c—400,000	2p—50,000
5c—90,000,000	5p—1,000
10c—2,000,000	10p—1,000
12c—3,000,000	20p—1,000
20c—2,000,000	50p—3,000
24c—100,000	

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AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH

Philatelic Magazine confirms our recent notes regarding the issuance of a special stamp in honor of Air Commodore Kingsford Smith. They state that there will probably be three values in the series, 2p, 3p, and 6p, and that while the engravings are not yet completed, yet it is expected that the stamps will be issued by March 1st. Australians are always good, and this series should be one of the best.

AZORES

Lesgor and Reel add another value to the growing list of Ceres type Portugal overprinted "ACORES". This time it is the 15c black, Lisbon print (Perf. 12x1½) and the overprint is in red.

A30 15c black.

BELGIUM

Whitfield King & Co., add some interesting news regarding the special 5fr air stamp issued in connection with the recent Belgium Congo flight. We chronicled this stamp Jan. 3rd. They tell us that of the 40,000 printed only 12,000 were used on letters. The remaining 28,000 were immediately demontitized and sold over the counter, as they had no further postal value after the flight started. Their prediction of high prices for this stamp are, however, somewhat erroneous judging from the very low prices existing in this country.

BOLIVIA

Mr. R. Roberts sends us the 15c and 35c of the current air post set in much lighter colors, the 15c being a pale red while the 35c is light yellow green. Whether these are

NEW ISSUES

Albania new aerox. 5q to 8f, 7 var. \$2.00
New postage. 1q to 5f, 11 var. 8.40
Austria Charity. 10g to 1sch, 6 var. 1.00
Azores, A64. 50c, 1.25E, 2 var. .14
Belgium Charity. 10c to 5f, 7 var. .60
Canada, A59. 5c violet, flat plate. .06
New aerox. 5c gray brown .06
New 12c, 20c, 2 var. .38
New 50c at 60c; \$1 at 1.20
Cyrenaica, Eritrea, Somaliland, Tripoli-
tania Militia issue, 4 var. each
set, Each .70
Dutch Indies Charity, 4 var. complete .25
Aero issue, AP1. 30c on 40c rose .18
Ecuador, Centenary Comm., 12 var. \$3.00
Latvia new charity, 10 var. complete .80
Mexico aerox. 15c rose, rouletted .10
Portugal, A64. 25c, 50c, 7c; 75c, 1.25E .15
Venezuela Bolivar Comm., 5, 10, 25b .12
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merely shades or a second printing we have not heard, probably the former.

BRUNEI

Mr. Daniel Jacoby informs us that the 5c orange of the 1924-26 postal issue is to be changed to a gray color. This is Scott's No. 47. Also that No. 48, the present 6c black is to be changed to red. Lastly, that the following stamps of the 1908-12 issue are to appear on the new paper with the multiple crown and script CA watermark: No. 31-2-3-4.

CHINA

Gibbons' Stamp Monthly mentions that they have received the current 15c air post stamp (Scott's No. 456) in much paler shades of green and gray.

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC

We illustrate thru the courtesy of Stamp Imports, Inc. the Bolivar Commemorative chronicled in last week's issue. This was the only value issued and it is printed in sheets of fifty, five horizontally by ten vertically, the plate number appearing in the upper right-hand corner.



Mr. F. E. Straub of South Bend, Ind., writes in an interesting vein to tell of how this stamp was finally selected to be used on all foreign mail together with one of the overprinted Scadta airmails where the letter was intended for air passage.

Captain W. H. Peters also tells us that these three Scadta overprints were on sale but five days, and that the remainders, if any, of the 10,000 sets, were to be destroyed after that time.

CONGO

L'Echo de la Timbrologie tells us that the 1fr and 1.75fr of the Stanley Commemorative series (No. 121 and 123) are to be overprinted with the new values of 1.75fr and 2fr respectively owing to an increase in the postal rates.

CURACAO

Whitfield King & Co. report that the 6c on 7½c (No. 103) and the 7½c and 35c (Nos. 95 and 102) have become obsolete and that these values will be discontinued.

CYPRUS

New color changes are reported by Gibbons' Stamp Monthly. These apply to the current George type on the multiple crown and script CA paper:

- A14 ½p bluish green
- A14 1½p rose-red
- A14 6 p brown olive and gray green
- A14 9 p deep purple and blue

CYRENAICA

Mr. R. Roberts sends us the Virgil postage series of Italy printed in changed colors and overprinted "CIRENAICA" in red or blue. Designs same as shown for Italy in our Nov. 22 issue:

- 15c violet gray
- 20c orange brown
- 25c dark blue-green
- 30c brown
- 50c dark red-lilac
- 75c dull rose
- 1.25L dull greenish blue
- 5L dark violet
- 10L dull brown

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Mr. William C. Mundt of Bloomington, who has one of the most complete air post collections in the world, gives us the following figures as to numbers issued of the Hurricane Relief set overprinted for air use:

Perforated

- 5c black and red (1,500)
- 5c blue and red (3,000)
- 10c black and red (1,500)
- 10c yellow and red (3,000)

Imperforate

- 5c blue and red (3,000)
- 10c yellow and red (3,000)

Of the error, the 10c black and red with the gold overprint we understand that there was about one sheet printed, or 100 stamps.

ECUADOR

The Philatelic Magazine reports that only 2,500 of the 10 sucre Centenary issue was printed. Figures on the other values have not appeared.

EGYPT

Mr. R. Roberts has shown us a new shade in the current 200m postage stamp, a duller, more brownish shade than formerly:

- A44 200m dull brown-violet

ERITREA

Mr. R. Roberts sends us the Virgil Commemoratives of Italy changed in color as recorded for Cyrenaica, and overprinted for use in this colony:

- 15c violet gray
- 20c orange brown
- 25c dark blue-green
- 30c brown

Recent Unused U. S. BLOCKS

No.	Price	No.	Price
652 11c lt. grn.	2.00	1897 10c Sp. D.	1.75
647 2c Hawai'n	.32	657 2c Sullivan	.18
1309 10c Lindb.	.60	648 5c Hawai'n	.60
1306 10c map	.60	1307 15c air mail	.80
1304 16c blue	1.00	1305 24c carn.	1.60
3298 1c Shang.	6.00	1303 8c green	.60
651 2c Clark	.16	1300 6c orange	1.50
649 2c Aeron/cs	.15	3299 2c Shang.	6.00
646 2c Molly P.	.15	650 5c Aeron/cs	.32
643 Vermont	.20	645 Val. Forge	.15
629 2c Whit. Pl.	.20	644 Saratoga	.18
627 Lib. Bell	.20	631 1½c Rot'y	imp.
620 2c Nor.-Am.	.75	628 5c Ericsson	.40
617 1c Lexing'n	.25	621 5c Nor.-Am.	2.00
614 1c Walloon	.30	619 5c Lexing'n	.30
613 Hard'g imp.	.35	618 2c Lexing'n	.85
590 9c perf.	10 1.00	616 5c Wall'n	1.00
587 6c perf.	10 .85	615 2c Wall'n	.35
577 2c imperf.	.20	611 2c Harding	.30
544 1c perf.	11 .30	588 7c perf.	10 1.00
529 3c offset	.35	576 1½ imperf.	.30
518 1 vi.-blk.	8.00	525 1c offset	.35
513 13c, us., 8n.	.90	509 9c salmon	.90
509 9c salmon	.90	513 13c ap.-gr.	1.25
501 3c violet	.30	512 12c carn.	1.00
483 3c imperf.	.50	499 2c carmine	.20
473 11c perf.	10 2.40	482 2c imperf.	.30
428 5c perf.	10 .90	426 3c perf.	10 .50
415 9c salmon	2.25	416 10c yellow	1.75
408 1c imperf.	.25	406 2c carmine	.35
338 10c orange	3.25	337 8c olive	2.75
334 4c brown	.90	331 1c green	.20
1450 1c P. Post	.15	301 2c 1902	1.25
1452 3c P. Post	.60	1459 50c P. P.	9.75
1460 75c P. P.	8.75	1951 10c Reg.	1.00

NOVA SCOTIA

1 1p red, brown, used	\$12.50
2 3p blue, used	8.00
3 3p dark blue, used	4.50
4 6p yellow, green, used	15.00
8 1c black on white, unused, 60; used	.75
Same, unused blocks of four	2.50
9 2c lilac, used	.75
10 5c blue, used only	.50
11 8½ green, unused	.65
12 10c vermilion, unused, \$1.40; used	1.40
13 12½c black, unused	1.50

PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDS

4 1p orange, unused, \$1.50; used	..\$1.85
5 2p rose, used	.70
6 3p blue, unused, 33c; used	1.50
7 6p green, unused, \$1.25; used	1.40
8 9p violet, unused	1.00
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ESTONIA

According to Whitfield King & Co. a new set of Red Cross Charity stamps are to appear at an early date. Value will be 2-5-10-20 cents with a surtax of 3 cents on each.

FINLAND

L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that two charity sets were due to have appeared on January 1st. The first one, consisting of three values: 1-1½-2m with a surtax of 10-15-20p respectively, for the Red Cross. The second series, as forecast by us last August, for the Finnish Literary Society, consisting of two values only: 1m and 1½m. We have not heard that they have actually appeared, but will chronicle them when they are at hand.

GERMANY

Theodore Champion tells us that the three high values in the current air-post series (Nos. 433-4-5) are to have the wording at the sides changed from "DEUTSCHE LUFTPOST" to "REICHSMARK LUFTPOST", following the example set with the 2m postage value some months ago.

HUNGARY

Mr. R. Roberts submits a number of new issues here. First there is an additional value to the 1930 postage series, watermarked Double Cross on Pyramid (210) and perf. 14½x14:

A31 50f light yellow brown.
Next there are three values of the 1928-29 series and one of the 1926-27 series overprinted and surcharged with the ornamental design shown below. Numbers in parenthesis are the Scott numbers of the stamps so overprinted:



- A25 2 on 3f orange (427)
A25 6 on 8f lilac-rose (430)
A26 10 on 16f violet (433)
A26 20 on 25f light brown (412)

HONDURAS

Stamp Imports, Inc. have supplied us with the handsome new postage series of nine values just issued during the first week of January. These are products of the American Bank Note Company, and are up to their usual standard of excellence, being one of the most attractive series we have seen re-

cently. Each stamp bears the dates 1931 and 1934 in the upper left and right hand corners respectively, indicating that this series will be continued in use for those four years. A law passed not many years ago provided that entire new series of stamps should be issued only once every four years, and this is the 1931-34 set. Unfortunately the law did NOT prohibit overprints and provisionals, of which we have seen plenty. We also predict that the present official series will be changed shortly to conform with this postage set. These new postals are on unwatermarked paper, perf. 12.



- 1c olive brown
2c rose carmine
5c dark violet
6c dark green
10c red-brown
15c blue
20c black
50c olive-green
1p slate-black

INDIA

Philatelic Magazine again mentions the Delhi commemorative set of six values which will appear next month. Only an estimated one month's supply is to be printed, they will be inscribed "Postage" only, not being available for revenue purposes, and none will be overprinted for official use.

INDIA—Soruth

Mr. R. Roberts has shown us a horizontal pair, imperforate between, of the 3p violet on laid paper, Scott's No. 28. This has not

heretofore been listed so far as we know:

- 28a Horizontal pr. imperf. between.

INDIA—Travancore

Gibbons' Stamp Monthly chronicles a color change in the current 5ca official, becoming a brown-red instead of the previous bistre:

- A8 5ca brown-red

ITALIAN SOMALILAND

The third of the Italian Colonies to receive the Virgil series (postage only) changed in color and overprinted with the name of the colony; Mr. R. Roberts sends us:

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20c orange-brown
25c dark blue-green
30c brown
50c dark red-lilac

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10L dull brown

ITALY—Aegean Islands

Mr. Roberts also sends us the Virgil series overprinted for this group of islands with the words: "ISOLE ITALIANE DELL'EGEO" in red or dark blue. Both postage and air sets have been printed in changed colors before overprinting. Thank fortune they did not overprint the set separately for each of the fourteen islands again!

Postage

- 15c violet gray
20c orange brown
25c dark blue-green
30c brown
50c dark red-lilac
75c dull rose
1.25L dull greenish-blue
5L dark violet
10L dull brown.

Air Post

- 50c dark green
1L brown-rose
750L black-brown
9L dark bluish-slate

ITALY

L'Echo de la Timbrologie lists a new type 2c postage stamp, vermilion in color, depicting the arms of Italy. We will illustrate later.

JAMAICA

A new shade has appeared in the current 5sh pictorial according to Gibbons' Stamp Monthly:

A29 5sh blue & pale bistre-brown

LATVIA

Champion's Bulletin Mensual gives the following figures for the number printed in the Anti-Tuberculosis series chronicled in our Jan. 17, number:

1s 60,000	10s 45,000
2s 75,000	15s 75,000
4s 45,000	20s 45,000
5s 45,000	25s 40,000
6s 75,000	30s 40,000

LEBANON

Champion also records these figures as the numbers issued of those postage and air-post values which have been appearing during the past four months or so. These have all been illustrated and chronicled by us:

Postage			
0.20p	1,600,000	6p	400,000
0.50p	3,100,000	7.50p	4,500,000
1.50p	500,000	10p	500,000
4p	4,000,000	15p	400,000
4.50p	500,000	25p	250,000
5p	500,000	50p	150,000
	100p	150,000	
Air-Post			
5p	250,000	15p	200,000
10p	250,000	50p	100,000
	100p	100,000	

LUXEMBURG

Another country about to enter the field of air-post stamps! Stamp Collecting reports that an air series of four values is in active preparation. We look for something rather handsome from this Duchy. Their scenery is magnificent, as we know from personal experience.

MEXICO

It is reported in Mekeel's that another provisional air-post series has appeared, consisting of six values. This is the Carranza air-post series of 1929 overprinted in three lines: "HABILITADO Aereo 1930-1931". The 5c and 15c values are the scarce ones, there being only three thousand of them, which limits complete sets to that number.

NEWFOUNDLAND

The C. D. Reimers Co., of Chicago, and Frank Wills of St. Johns have both sent us the three values of the magnificent new air-post series. These, and particularly the 50c value, are as fine productions as we have ever seen. They were issued January 2nd, and approximately 50,000 of the 15c and smaller numbers of the two high values were printed. John Dickinson & Co., of London, produced them and the designs are credited to Mr. A. B. Perlin, the editor of "Stamp Chat" in the St. Johns "Evening Telegram". (May we remark aside that the U. S. could take a lesson here and let stamp collectors design our own stamps. Then we would have some beauties!)

The 15c is a brown, picturing an old-time mail dog team with the mail courier looking overhead at an airplane mail carrier in flight—a contrast between the old method and the new.

The 50c, a brown, shows an old-time sailing vessel entering the Narrows at St. John's whilst in the skyline is seen the Vickers Vimy biplane which made the first successful non-stop flight across the Atlantic. The picture shows the plane passing over Cabot Tower.

The \$1.00 stamp is a map of the North Atlantic showing the route of the most historic flights in which Newfoundland was concerned. The inscription at the top reads "Historic Atlantic Flights", and the flights designated are—

Alcock-Brown—St. John's to Ireland.

Hawker—Uncompleted flight.

De Pinedo—Trepassey to Azores.

Lindbergh's route—Passing over St. John's.

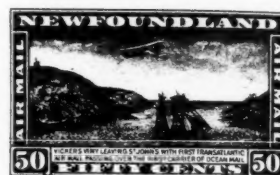
U. S. Navy Seaplanes—Trepassey to Azores.

Kingsford-Smith—Ireland to Hr. Grace.

Koehl—Ireland to Greenly Is.

The stamp is printed in contrasting shades of blue, the centre in the lighter shade.

They are on unwatermarked paper, perf. 14 the short way by 14½ the long way. Size is given in parenthesis after each stamp:



- 15c dark brown (28x34½mm)
50c green (47x28mm)
\$1.00 dark blue (47x20mm)

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Mr. Wills also sends us a clipping from the St. John's Evening Telegram telling that the 20c of the current series has appeared in the new Dickinson printing. It can easily be distinguished from No. 157 by the deeper cutting of the lines and the greater relief. The 20c of the Whitehead Morris printing (No. 157) is obsolete.

NEW ZEALAND

We have received from Lesgor and Reel two of the current low-value postage series printed on unwatermarked paper, perf. 14:

A47 1½p brown orange
A45 1p rose red.

NICARAGUA

The Philatelic Magazine reports having seen a sheet of the 25c official air-post stamp (Scott's No. 721) in which the words "Correo Aereo" are missing from the top row of stamps, while the rest of the sheet had the words doubly impressed. Only a block of four from the top two rows could show both varieties of course.

NIGERIA

Mr. Daniel Jacoby reports that a 1½p value in orange color will appear shortly on paper watermarked multiple crown and script CA.

NORTH BORNEO

We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the spectacular commemorative set of eight values mentioned in our Dec. 13 issue. This is a magnificent series, large in size, well designed, with bizarre and unusual subjects and lovely



colors. It will be on sale during all of 1931, and the remainders, if any, will be destroyed at that time. Full details of this issue were printed Dec. 13th, so we will merely illustrate and chronicle. They are line engraved, on unwatermarked paper, perf. 12½; border color is mentioned first:

3c deep blue-green & black
6c red-orange & black
10c carmine & black
12c ultramarine & black
25c dark violet & black
\$1.00 yellow-green & black
\$2.00 red-brown & black
\$5.00 red-lilac & black

PARAGUAY

Stamp Imports, Inc. has submitted one new postage provisional and four air-post provisionals, all overprints on the postage series of 1927-28. We give the number printed in parenthesis after each stamp, also the color of the overprint:

Postage

(Surcharge reads: "Habilitado en CINCO" in three lines)

A47 5c on 7c emerald green (B) (98,800)

Air Post

(Surcharge reads: "CORREO AEREO" in two lines, with the word of value in a third line)

A47 5c on 10c gray green (R) (38,100)

A47 5c on 70c ultramarine (R) (194,100)

A48 20c on 1p red (B) (47,824)

A47 40c on 50c orange (R) (28,126)

Two errors have been noted in the 20c on 1p, the word "AEREO" being doubled with "CORREO" omitted, and also the reverse case, where "CORREO" is doubled and "AEREO" omitted. The same errors occur in the 40c on 50c.

The 5 on 10 and the 40 on 50 differ decidedly from Scott's No. 427-8, in that the color of the new surcharge is in a rose carmine, whereas No. 427-8 had the surcharge in a dark red.

SIAM

Gibbons' Stamp Monthly reports a color change in the 2s value of

the 1929 air-post series, perf. 12½: AP1 2s purple on yellow.

SPAIN

No! Not another commemorative set. Just two more values in the new type Alfonso postage series. These are recorded by Champion:

5c brown
30c lilac rose.

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SYRIA

Theodore Champion gives us the number printed of the new definitive pictorial postage series which we have chronicled from time to time. Many more values are yet to come:

4p	7,500,000
6p	500,000
7.50p	5,000,000
10p	600,000
15p	300,000
50p	150,000

TRIPOLITANIA

Mr. R. Roberts has sent us the Virgil postage and air series of Italy in changed colors and overprinted for this colony:

Postage	
15c	violet gray
20c	orange brown
25c	dark blue green
30c	brown
50c	dark red-lilac
75c	dull rose
1.25L	dull greenish-blue
5L	dark violet
10L	dull brown

Air Post	
50c	dark green
1L	brown-rose
7.50L	black-brown
9L	dark bluish-slate.

URUGUAY

Champion's Bulletin Mensual reports that of the Pegasus air-post series the following values have become exhausted, and will not be reprinted, at least in the present colors: 8c, 24c, 30c, 40c and 1.20p.

VATICAN CITY

L'Echo de la Timbrologie gives us some interesting news in stating that January 1st was to have seen the issuance of all fifteen values of the current postage series overprinted "PACCHI POSTALI" for parcel post use. They also report a series of six provisional postage dues overprinted on certain values of the postal series. Finally it is stated that an entirely new series of postage stamps, and probably the others also, will be prepared for issue shortly after February 1st.

VENEZUELA

Champion's Bulletin Mensual reports an official decree dated Nov. 6, 1930, by which the following new postage stamps are authorized: 5c black-brown (1,000,000); 25c red (2,500,000); 40c blue (1,500,000); 1b gray (500,000). These are being printed in London by Waterlow & Sons.

1/2c PLATE 17041

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Pulaski First Day News

One of the first things that should be said about this new stamp which was placed on sale in 12 different cities for first day sale on January 16th, is that it is a successful issue. The postoffice department must be congratulated on the beauty of design and the demand for the stamp has already been so great that Col. Michael L. Eidsness, superintendent of the Division of Stamps of the Postoffice Department, has announced that the original order for forty million of the stamps has been increased by another order for twenty-five million more and it seems that the demand will be such that a further printing will be ordered.

At the Chicago postoffice, the first day sale broke all previous records for any commemorative stamp. Mr. Eidsness personally superintended the sale of the stamps at Chicago and within an hour after the sale started the entire two million stamps on sale at that office had been taken up. The first purchase was made by The Polish National Alliance through its president, John Romaszkievicz, who presented a certified check for \$5000, which represents a quarter of a million stamps.

One feature of the sale at Chicago was the purchase by Congressman-Elect Peter C. Granata of the 8th congressional district who purchased enough of the stamps to present one to each of the pupils of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades of the public and parochial schools in his district. The Polish Women's Alliance and many large stores and corporations made heavy purchases.

Postmaster Arthur C. Lueder personally sold the first stamp to Anthony Czarnecki, collector of customs and chairman of the Illinois sesquicentennial commission. The first cancelled stamp also went to Mr. Czarnecki. Both Postmaster Lueder and Mr. Czarnecki spent the greater part of the day obliging collectors and others by autographing covers. Orders from collectors throughout the country were quite heavy.

"The issue is the greatest success we have ever had with memorial postage stamps and we have been literally swamped not only here but throughout the country," said Superintendent Eidsness. "There will be 2,000,000 more of the memorial stamps on hand tomorrow morning and the outlook now is that in addition to the 65,000,000 we will be obliged to issue another 65,000,000 before we are through."

The original postoffice department announcement regarding the stamp stated that the date of Pulaski's birth was 1746 and it was

feared that this date might show up on the stamp but such was not the case. The correct date of birth as agreed to by most authorities is 1748 as is shown on the stamp.

As has previously been stated the Pulaski picture on the stamp was copied from an etching by H. B. Hall in Jones' History of Georgia of 1871. The engraving of the Pulaski picture is a very beautiful piece of work and is an exceptionally fine copy of the original etching.

The picture in this issue of Linn's Weekly is a copy of this original etching from which the stamp is copied and collectors will find it a beautiful addition to their collection. Prints from the cut used in this issue are free to any subscriber of this publication. All you need do is to send a stamped addressed envelope so that the picture we send you need not be folded. A copy will be mailed free of charge to every subscriber who sends a stamped addressed envelope for the same.

As many additional copies as you wish of the picture can be had at 2c each, we place no limit on the number and we would suggest to dealers and others that they will find these prints very attractive to hand out to or to mail to their customers. We have found that collectors greatly appreciate and prize these pictures as we have given numerous similar pictures of previous issues to our readers.

To those who wish a larger piece for framing or for a page in their album we have printed a number of copies on a handsome piece of plate finish Alexandra Japan book. This is printed with a fine red frame line around the picture and the name and signature are mounted on a large 5x7 heavy brown mat, making a very handsome piece and will be mailed flat in a large envelope with heavy card for protection against breaking at only 10c each.

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Numerous readers remembered the publishers with first day covers and we are glad to acknowledge the receipt of covers from our friends. Much of the information regarding the first day of sale at Chicago is taken from a clipping from Mr. F. W. Steadman of Wheaton, Ill., who rushed it through via air mail with a nice block of four of the stamps. From Mr. F. Sanders of New York we have a cover bearing the autograph of the Consul General of Poland as well as of the Secretary of the American Polish Chamber of Commerce; Roscoe B. Martin of Forestville, N. Y., mails a cover from Buffalo and encloses our first mint block of the new stamps. Other covers are from W. O. Thiede, Appleton, Wis.; Fred Hambrook who is always on the move and happened to be at Youngstown, Ohio, on this eventful date; J. P. Penning of Homestead, who mailed a cover from Pittsburgh; Alto Stamp Co., one of our new advertising patrons from Chicago; Harry Klotzbach of Buffalo, N. Y.; from Herbert Griffin, president of the American Air Mail Society, from C. C. Weber, our Bureau Editor, and from Silas Weatherby, all of Cleveland; Stanley Gregory of Detroit sends through a cover with the Dearborn postmark while Daniel A. Judd of Detroit lets his come with the Detroit cancellation. L. M. Bridenbaugh sends a cover with a cachet sponsored by the Toledo Philatelic Society and the Maumee Stamp Co. of Toledo also sends a cover, both cancelled at Toledo. John G. Kuespert and Everett G. Emerson both send covers from South Bend, Ind., the latter having a pink label and bearing the original date of birth as first announced by the Postoffice Department, 1746. From Brooklyn, N. Y., comes a cover from Roger W. Helprin while C. W. Harris of Milwaukee, Wis., sends a cover from that city. W. O. Thiede sends covers from both Appleton and Pulaski, Wis., a cover from this latter town also came from H. M. Brehm. Other covers first day are from Albert Gorham, Washington, D. C.; F. W. Juergens, Toledo,

Ohio; J. G. Wiggins, Savannah, Ga.; Hugh V. O'Brien of the same city; Wm. H. Leckie, Chicago; E. G. Emerson from Elkhart and Mishawaka, and from Wilmot Brown of South Bend, Indiana.

Heretofore first day covers have been decorated with pictures of the subject but no Pulaski pictures showed up this time. Cachets were used by the Chamber of Commerce at Pittsburgh, by the Toledo Philatelic Society and by the American Polish Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York and this latter cachet also bears the wrong date, 1746 instead of 1748. Herb Griffin's envelopes are printed with a crest and appropriate wording.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The January 8th meeting was one of the largest and most enthusiastic held in months, with sixty members and guests present. It was held in the new quarters at the Morrison Hotel, which the commodious, were taxed to capacity by the large attendance. The installation of the officers elected at the last meeting was followed by a brief talk from President Kirkland who outlined the policies and program for the coming year in a most attractive way. Diversified programs with the best speakers in the country will make this year one of unusual interest.

The February 5th meeting will be especially honored by the presence of Mrs. C. E. Severn and her son, Charles, who will be the guests of the evening. All Philately remembers and loves Charlie Severn, Sr., whose death a year ago was such a shock to the countless people who knew and loved him, and the Chicago Philatelic Society feels deeply privileged to have Mrs. Severn and Charles, Jr., with them on this occasion.

February 19th has been set as the date for the annual banquet and judging from the committee in charge it will break all records for attendance and entertainment.

The closing and most spectacular event of this meeting was the unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement by the Society of Dr. Clarence W. Hennan as a candidate for President of the American Philatelic Society. No better known figure, nor one more genuinely qualified for the position, could be selected. Dr. Hennan is one of the few great students of Philately living, and his great research work has won awards at most of the national and international exhibitions.



A HEALTHY REACTION

Mr. R. Roberts, the well-known London dealer in rarities and New Issues, strikes a responsive chord in our heart in a recent letter to his New Issue subscribers which we quote in part. Speaking of the commemorative issues of Spain, Italy and their colonies he says:

"I have cancelled all my buying orders henceforth, pending hearing from my subscribers whether they wish to continue receiving these obviously 'made for collector' issues. It is a matter of great regret to me that Italy and Spain have descended to such a level of exploitation of the collector as they have done in the past year or two. The increased cost in the New Issue Service, owing to these two alone, has been considerable, and I feel that the end of the year I should take the consensus of opinion of my subscribers, as to whether they desire to continue receiving these new issues." So far as we are personally concerned Mr. Roberts received a quick and enthusiastic answer. Possibly this is the best of all ways to discourage such unnecessary issues.

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EDITORIALS

A FLURRY IN IMPERFS From all sides, the question is asked as regards the value of the imperforate stamps known as Scott Numbers 575-6-7 and 631. This latter number being the Rotary Press Print of the 1 1/2 Harding.

A survey of the field from our point of view indicates that all of these stamps are worthy of the attention of the collector. It would be ridiculous at the present time to attempt to name a figure that would represent an honest value for any of the numbers, one guess is as good as another. Without doubt there are a goodly number of most of these stamps held by collectors who have acquired a habit of salting down a sheet of about everything that comes along. With prices as are at present being offered, some of these are certain to come into the market. It will doubtless require much time to get figures adjusted to any point that will represent a true honest valuation.

It is not difficult, however, to figure out just what has caused the furore over these four stamps. All of the stamps were on sale for some time at the Agency in Washington. Those who wanted them could get them, some did and some didn't and those that didn't were rudely awakened when the change was made in the 1 1/2c Harding Stamp. Both collectors and dealers then began to take stock of

their collections and their stocks and in many instances it was found that the 1 1/2 imperforate Harding was short. It was found, almost as quickly too, that no more could be had from Washington and then the hunt began.

In checking up on the 1 1/2c Harding the 1c and 2c values which were issued and offered at the same time also came into the picture and the results as regards a supply of these two values turned out about the same as did the Hardings so that both collectors and dealers are now in a mad rush to corner a supply of four numbers and it is going to be some time yet before any real knowledge of the actual value will be had.

AN INTERESTING RADIO PROGRAM of Thursday Evening, January 15th, consisted of a number of selections of Polish music and as an added feature a hook-up was made with Washington where Count Pulaski, a descendant of the Count Pulaski, pictured on the new stamp made an address to the radio audience and spoke briefly on the activity of his noble ancestor in behalf of freedom for the American Colonies.

A S D A YEAR BOOK

The American Stamp Dealers' Association has just issued its first annual Year Book, a small booklet of 32 pages and cover containing the By-Laws of the Association together with a roster of officers and a complete membership list.

The A S D A has been quite active in the past few years and merits the support of every real dealer in stamps. It also merits the support of all collectors for the object of the Association is to benefit collectors as well as its dealer membership.

AN UNUSUAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Those who appreciate art, whether in stamps, painting or printing will appreciate the beautiful announcement that has been issued by Hugh C. Barr, under the name of Barr & Company, 116 Nassau Street, New York. Mr. Barr claims a wide experience in stamps and Philatelic matters but makes no claim for typographic knowledge yet he must be a man who knows artistic printing and knows how to get it.

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We recommend Mr. Barr's style to other stamp dealers for there is much room for improvement in the average piece of Philatelic advertising.

WE WOULD BE PUT IN JAIL FOR THIS

From Millard C. Nice of Morrisville, Pa., comes a full page from the January 11 issue of the Trenton Sunday Times-Advertiser of Trenton, N. J., with an extensive article on United States stamps and with numerous illustrations of the aforesaid United States stamps.

This is one of the most flagrant violations of the laws against illustrating United States stamps that we have yet had called to our attention but even then, what harm can it do. No one would be fool enough to attempt to use the stamps for postage, the illustrations shown can not cause a penny of loss to the Government and the ridiculous law prohibiting the illustration of our stamps is surely one that affords no protection, yet handicaps the thousands of collectors and the hundreds of thousands of youths of the country who are thrilled by their interest in our hobby, an interest which should be encouraged because the children are interested.

On the one page of this Trenton newspaper we find a 1c and a 4c Pan-American Invert, a set of the \$2, \$5 and \$20 State Department, a copy of the \$200 First Issue Revenue, a current 5c Air Mail stamp as well as the 5c Air Mail envelope, also a burned cover from an Air Mail crash. There are also illustrations of the rare 5c New Haven as well as the 5c and 10c Providence.

In the New Jersey State Prison at Trenton there is a group known as the Philatelic Five. Perhaps these interested stamp collectors will welcome the publisher of the Trenton Times-Advertiser to their

VOWINKEL TO SHOW COVERS

At the Fifth Anniversary meeting of the Warren Stamp Club at Warren, Ohio, on January 28th, Mr. C. A. Vowinkel of Steubenville, Ohio, will exhibit some early covers with Warren postmarks. In addition, various members of the Warren Stamp Club will make displays.

Buro Prints

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

C. C. WEBER Editor
5008 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

NEW VARIETIES

Chicago, Ill., coil, 1½c FV.
Chicago, Ill., coil, 4c T.
Des Moines, Iowa, ord., 1½c FV.
Boston, Mass., coil, 4c T.
Kansas City, Mo., ord., 5c.
Newark, N. J., coil, 10c.
Salt Lake, Utah, ord., 8c.
Cleveland, Ohio, coil, 4c T.

Our thanks to L. Davis, Lawrence Bros. and Forest W. White.

Lest you forget the symbols with reference to the two new issues:

4c W. Martha Washington, 4c T.
W. H. Taft.
1½c SV, Side view or old type Harding.
1½c FV., Front view or new type Harding.

Lawrence Bros. announce the date of their auction as of Feb. 10th, 1931. An unusual feature is 119 nice buro lots. A catalog is yours for the asking. The Anamosa boys also send in a few oddities:

Des Moines, Iowa, perf. 10—2c reading "S MOINES" looks like poor inking, but interesting.

San Francisco, Calif., B11—1½c SV. reads "CAUF" another case of ink trouble, but still interesting.

St. Paul, Minn., B11—8c; a real case of off center vertically—by actual measurement a full ¼".

Wm. P. Wegscheider, of St. Paul, submits 2 strips of 4 of the 5c B13 New York coils. Both show interesting shifts noted, as to the old plate. One of the strips contained as a break that carried thru top and bottom line as well as damaging the "Y" of York and the "N" of N. Y. The day following the same break turned up in the 1½c value. A first glance might give the impression of poor inking but with the two values turning up it assures the fact that it is a break.

Altho not personally acquainted with the late Robert Allen, we feel his tragic sudden death is a severe loss to the precancel world. In a eulogy in The Stamp News, W. B. Hoover refers to Allen as a "mother worshipper", which in our humble opinion stamps him a real man. To Mrs. Allen, the mother, our sincere sympathies.

100 YEARS AGO

Ralph Duncan of Dayton, Ohio, sends a newspaper clipping about the postmaster of Sagamore, Mass., who has in his possession a government report published in 1830, with reference to the Post-office Department forty years prior to that date, 1790.

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AIR MAIL FLASHES

EDITED BY H. G. KINGDOM, CONNEAUT, OHIO

This department belongs to our readers and we ask you to send all information received to the Editor as soon as possible and same will be acknowledged

London-Cape Town Route

Official notice from Imperial Airways received to the effect that the first through flight on the northern sector, from London to Mwanza is scheduled to leave London, February 28th, Cairo, Egypt, March 5th and arrive at Mwanza on March 8th.

The first part of the route will be the same as that taken by the England-Egypt-India service, proceeding southward from Alexandria by way of Cairo, Assuit, Luxor, Assan, Wadi Halfa, Kareima, Kartoum, Kosti, Malakal, Shamba, Juba, Butiaba, Port Bell, Kisumu and Mwanza.

The first northward flight will leave Mwanza on March 10th and should arrive in London on March 18th, while the company states that the southern sector from Mwanza to Cape Town will not be opened until approximately June, 1931.

It is expected mail will be carried to all of above stations but some of them may be excluded and definite information not yet available on that point.

The air mail surcharge has not yet been fixed by the Postal Administration, but it is not anticipated that the maximum will exceed 6d. per half ounce (12 cents) in addition to the ordinary postage (5 cents).

Collectors must therefore act at once to obtain these covers, and Imperial Airways are making a charge of 50 cents for handling 1 to 20 covers from one point to another point; and experience at Kingston, a British colony indicates covers should not be sent to postmasters. Better try some foreign collector or dealer with whom you have had dealings.

Round the World

The Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce recently completed a solo flight of 13,000 miles from London to Tokio, Japan, which she started on Sept. 25th, flying a biplane, Bluebird. She announces that the plane will be shipped by steamer to Vancouver from whence she will fly across the United States to

New York; Thence shipping the plane to Africa, and continuing her flight to London. Wouldn't you like a Vancouver to New York cover autographed by her?

Airports

At the close of 1930 there were 1782 airports and landing fields in the United States, an increase of 125 during the past six months, and of these 550 were municipal, 564 commercial, 354 intermediate, 240 auxiliary, etc., and California leads with 165, Texas 119, Pennsylvania 94, Ohio 85.

Grand Forks, N. D.

The Commercial Club of this city will send out on February 2nd a special cover commemorating the first flight of air mail from that city, with a special cachet. All collectors should send a five cent air mail stamp to W. W. Blain, Secretary of the Club and receive one of these covers.

Tradewind Flight

While all collectors sorrow at the apparent loss of these aviators on their flight from Bermuda to Azores, we have many complaints from collectors who like ourselves, sent in funds to the committee for cards to be carried and had their remittances returned shortly before the flight. However, there is no way that one can control the carrying of covers by adventurous aviators, and if they see fit to carry only the souvenirs of one lone dealer, it's just "too bad" for us, but we can turn our attention fully to the governmental flights, where the departments have endeavored to play absolutely fair with all collectors. In the present case we would not have received the cards at any rate and been out the cost of same, but we do regret there is no way to prevent the commercializing of private events, except not to buy them.

Edna May Cooper and Bobby Trout stayed in the air 122 hours and 50 minutes, thus breaking the woman's endurance record, landing on January 9th at 5:20 p. m. They could no doubt have gone on longer had they been allowed to do so. Some very pretty covers from Los Angeles in connection with this event.

Merger of Continental Air Lines and Interstate is the forerunner of combined passenger-mail service soon, which will connect Chicago

and Cleveland on the north with Dallas and Atlanta on the south and passing through Columbus, Indianapolis, Dayton, Cincinnati, Nashville, and other cities.

Beckwith D. Smith advises that on the occasion of Lt. Walter Hinton's visit to Wilmington, N. C., on the Exchange Club Tour on January 9th, the local club sponsored a cachet and that less than fifty covers were mailed.

The American Legion are staging an Air Round-Up on February 23rd and a cachet will be used on air mail that day. Send covers to Robert C. Thompson, R. D. No. 2, Glen Allen, Virginia.

Maurice W. Collins evidently flew a glider from Mt. Verdugo to Grand Central Air Terminal and carried some covers for the Los Angeles boys as attested by an autographed cover received bearing postmark January 12th.

Covers received from the Third Miami All-American Air Races, January 8-9-10, bear a triangular cachet with plane circling a pylon, and state also that this was the opening also of the Navy Airport.

Civility

Complaints are occasionally made that some collector or co-operator makes short or uncivil replies to others who may inquire regarding the status of covers sent for events.

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Of course events are often postponed sometimes for long periods and collectors write inquiring, and if some of them write to the parties who have offered to take care of such covers, or if they write concerning any matter pertaining to the hobby, they are surely entitled to a civil reply. We are all trying every day to learn things about the hobby and it behooves each of us to see that the other collector also wants to know, and to tell him in a friendly manner. A soft answer, etc.

We are indebted to: Geo. S. Fisher, John B. Willy, R. J. Darling, J. T. Nicholson, Imperial Airways, Ralph E. Duncan, E. G. Emerson, Beckwith D. Smith, D. E. Dickason, and Robt. C. Thompson.

PRECANCEL NEWS

Information regarding precancels and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editors of this column.

LAWRENCE BROTHERS, Editors
Anamosa, Iowa

CITY PRINTS AND BUREAU PRINTS

When we talk about precancels, it is possible to divide them into two big groups. Those which are precancelled in the individual cities, or city prints, and those which are precancelled at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, or bureau prints.

The city prints, of course, represent the larger field. They are, in the first place, the older. Even a 5c, 1847, is known to have been precancelled from Wheeling, W. Va. Any post office may use precancels, if their volume of business warrants it. And the question may arise in your minds, just when does the volume of business justify precancels. Precancels are the product of a time and labor saving idea. If stamps are cancelled in advance, they represent a saving of labor, when you consider the work to cancel stamps upon various sized packages, and in various positions upon the package. Cancelling the stamps in advance has brought about, more or less, uniform cancellations, and they now appear with either one or two bars above the name of the city and state from which the stamps are used on mail.

The volume of business done in certain cities, and with certain denominations of stamps, induced the postal department to precancel in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, the

stamps for such cities. The stamps thus precancelled are known as "bureau prints", and those cancelled in the individual cities as "city prints", or just plain precancels.

DEATH OF W. J. TARRANT

From Van Wyck Wyckoff of Los Angeles, Calif., comes an account of the illness and sudden death of a former patron of Linn's Weekly and in order that the many friends of W. J. Tarrant may know of his passing, extracts from the letter from Mr. Wyckoff are given.

"The recent death on Christmas eve of my good friend W. J. (Bill) Tarrant * * * who had been in a sanitarium for about eight months with tuberculosis and about three or four months ago came home where his mother could look after him. He had been confined to his bed during this period and although quite weak, never realized the seriousness of his condition, and, in fact, really thought he was improving and was laying plans to increase his stock of certain countries and soon start in business again. The full import of the seriousness of his condition did not come until about 10:30 a. m. the morning of the 24th of December when he had a hemorrhage. From then on it was evident he was weakening, so about 3:30 p. m. several relatives and friends gathered and started opening Bill's Christmas presents for him. They had only got to about the second or third package when he had another hemorrhage, lapsed into unconsciousness and quietly passed on at 4:45 p. m.

His mother and uncle took him to Fox Lake, Wisconsin, for burial."

W. J. Tarrant previous to his illness had been an advertiser in Linn's Weekly and we join with our readers who were friends of his in extending our sympathies to those he has left behind.

Mr. Tarrant specialized in a few countries as a dealer and as a collector he owned one of the finest collections of Chinese Locals in existence. Mr. Van Wyck Wyckoff will assist in disposing of the stock and collection for the relatives.

LAKE ERIE AIR MAIL

The people of Kelly's Island, 5 miles out in Lake Erie on Jan. 3rd, received the second and third class mail and parcel post packages that had accumulated at Marblehead on the mainland. Mail for various points over the U. S. were sent on that had piled up there.

The mail men who have the government contract between Kelly's Island and the mainland had been unable to get to or from Kelly's Island with anything but first class mail. Several times it had been transported by plane. Their regular way in the winter is a steel shod boat with runners so it can go on ice or water. Ice conditions had been such for 10 days they couldn't make their regular trips, so the contractors hired an extra plane and effected a "clean-up" of mail.

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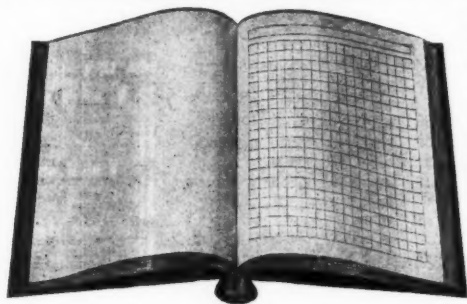
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NEWS FROM JOLIET

An interesting letter from J. M. Westphal of Joliet, Illinois, tells in a brief way what might happen in your town if you would just try it.

Mr. Westphal says: "Miss Edna Abbott, Mr. R. R. Yates and myself organized a stamp club last Friday (January 9th) night after having had a small notice placed in the Joliet Herald News, thinking we might possibly have a membership of not more than 8 or 10, but were overwhelmed when 57 enrolled and more coming!"

In this city of 70,000 we had no idea that there are between 100 and 150 collectors here.

For a long time, I thought I was the only one here."

Mr. Westphal sends a clipping from the local paper which gave them a half column writeup after their first meeting and stamp collecting in Joliet now seems to be on the up and up.

RIDGEWOOD STAMP CLUB

The Ridgewood Stamp Club held their sixth annual installation of officers at the club rooms on the evening of January 8, at which the following new officers were inducted to succeed the old administration: President, Hugo Sohn; Vice-president, Ray Linder; Secretary, George Graf; Financial Secretary, G. Jerome Eyerman; and Treasurer, John Audley.

Following the ceremonies, refreshments and a light luncheon were served to the members and visitors.

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anniversary of this old English
firm of stamp dealers, reviews the
history of the firm from the time
of the founder, Edward Stanley
Gibbons in 1856, up to the present
date.

Of particular interest to collec-
tors in America is the portion of
the article which refers to—

"Charles James Phillips, who
was born in 1863, is a Birmingham
man, and was first engaged in ac-
countancy, at one time working in
the Assay Office. While there he
found an old record which showed
that Sir Rowland Hill had worked
there as an errand boy. His earliest
introduction to stamp-collecting
was at the age of ten, and came
as it has come to so many others,
through the gift of a Gibbons
packet. Like many other collectors,
he had to turn his collection into
cash, and thence into furniture on
the occasion of his marriage.

In his spare time Mr. Phillips
started to deal in stamps, and this
proved so profitable that in 1890 he
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in the same year bought the busi-
ness of Stanley Gibbons, to which
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he founded the first philatelic so-
ciety in that city, and was the
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forerunner of the present B. P. A.

In 1889 he started the "Stamp
Advertiser and Auction Record",
which may be regarded as one of
the ancestors of Gibbons' Stamp
Monthly, as it was later merged
in the "Monthly Journal". This was
only the first of a long series of
literary ventures, for Mr. Phillips
became a leading expert and was
the author of many articles and
some notable handbooks in which
he recorded the results of his
studies.

From 1890 his history is the his-
tory of the firm which he conducted
with energy and enterprise, until,
shortly after the war, he sold his
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